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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

1. FOLLOWING IS MIDDLE EAST SITUATION THROUGH EVENING  
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2. EGYPT AND ISRAEL ORDERED THEIR FORCES TO CEASE FIRE AS  
OF 1252 EDT BUT PRESS AGENCIES REPORT CEASEFIRE ACTUALLY

WENT INTO EFFECT AT 1312 EDT. AT 1608 EDT, IDF ANNOUNCED THAT EGYPTIANS HAD OPENED FIRE ON ISRAELI FORCES AT A NUMBER OF LOCATIONS. ISRAELIS CLAIM THAT THEIR FORCES HOLD BRIDGEHEAD ON WEST BANK 32 KILOMETERS DEEP AND 40 KILOMETERS WIDE, ASTRIDE BOTH CAIRO-ISMAILIA AND CAIRO-SUEZ CITY ROADS. EGYPTIANS CLAIM THAT ISRAELI TASK FORCE HAS ADVANCED ONLY 9.5 KILOMETERS FROM CANAL AND IS SURROUNDED IN TWO SMALL POCKETS. EGYPTIANS CLAIM THE ISRAELIS HAVE NOT CUT ANY MAJOR ROADS. THE EGYPTIANS MAINTAIN BRIDGEHEADS IN TWO ENCLAVES ON THE EAST BANK TO A MAXIMUM DEPTH OF 10 KILOMETERS.

3. IN ANNOUNCING CEASEFIRE, CAIRO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF INDIAN AND FRENCH STATEMENTS IN UNSC AS CASTING NECESSARY ILLUMINATION ON MEANING OF UNSC CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION. IN CAIRO ANNOUNCEMENT SADAT SAID THAT FOLLOWING WERE "SIGNIFICANT CONSIDERATIONS" DURING HIS STUDY OF CEASEFIRE QUESTION: (A) SADAT PEACE PLAN MAKING TOTAL ISRAELI

WITHDRAWAL AN ABSOLUTE BASIS FOR POLITICAL ACTION; (B) SADAT-KOSYGIN TALKS OF OCT. 16-19; (C) ASSURANCES WHICH SADAT RECEIVED FROM BREZHNEV OCT. 21; AND (D) INTER-ARAB CONTACTS. UPI QUOTES DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN CAIRO AS SAYING THAT ELIMINATION OF THE ISRAELI TASK FORCE ON THE WEST BANK OF THE CANAL WOULD BE VITAL PRELUDE TO POLITICAL ACTION.

4. ISRAEL DID NOT AGREE TO A CEASEFIRE ON SYRIAN FRONT IN ABSENCE OF SYRIAN AGREEMENT TO UNSC RESOLUTION. SYRIAN LEADERS ARE STUDYING RESOLUTION AND UNTSO REPORTS THAT IN AREA OF OP'S, FIRING HAS CEASED FOR NOW ON GOLAN HEIGHTS. IRAQ HAS REJECTED THE CEASEFIRE AS HAS LIBYA. JORDAN SAYS IT ACCEPTS CEASEFIRE BUT THAT JORDANIAN FORCES FIGHTING IN SYRIA COME UNDER SYRIAN COMMAND. KING HUSSEIN HAS EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT ALTHOUGH SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD HAS NOT FORMALLY ACCEPTED CEASEFIRE, HE IS MOVING IN RIGHT DIRECTION. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PLO HAS  
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ANNOUNCED THAT FEDAYEEN WOULD CONTINUE TO FIGHT AGAINST ISRAEL.

5. EC NINE MET OCT. 22 AND UK FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID THERE HAD BEEN "PRETTY GOOD UNANIMITY" ON MIDDLE EAST POLICY AND THAT NINE WOULD HELP IN PEACE-KEEPING IF NECESSARY. FOREIGN SECRETARY DOUGLAS-HOME ADDED THAT "ARMS LIMITATION OR AN EMBARGO WILL HAVE TO BE PART OF A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT." DOUGLAS-HOME TOLD COMMONS THAT BRITAIN WOULD BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY PEACE-KEEPING FORCE WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED. RUSH

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